



Kennedy PTO NEWS

"Building Our Cub Community"

January 2018

Celebrate Culture!

Mankato Area Public Schools teacher, Clarice Esslinger will be joining us for our January PTO meeting on the 11th at 6:00 pm.

Clarice teaches English to refugees and immigrants at Lincoln Community Center. She also teaches parent classes and job skills to families that are new to America. Through the Department of Human Services, she provides trainings on Multicultural issues and racial awareness.

Previous to this, she spent many years in Nepal and also a couple stints in Africa, which helped her understand what it's like to raise a family in a new culture and learn a new language.

Childcare and snacks provided!

PTO meetings are held in the **MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY**. You can enter the east side door by the cafeteria (just off the parking lot). Look for yellow direction signs in the hallways. Meetings will take place on the 12th of each month (unless the 12th falls on a weekend).



Run, Yell & Tell

There are too many stories on the news about children who are abducted or run away. It seems to be happening closer and closer to home! Strange white vans at local parks, suspicious people approaching kids.

Are our kids prepared? Does your son or daughter know what to do if approached by a stranger? Or even someone they know?

Our January Family Night will focus on keeping our children safe! Missing Children Minnesota (MCM) is a non-profit organization committed to locating missing children, advocating for families of missing children and educating the public about missing children and runaways.

On January 9th, MCM is coming to Kennedy to talk to our students and parents. All family members are invited to attend!

- Preschool through 2nd grade students will attend a safety program using puppets to teach kids "Run, Yell & Tell", a non-threatening personal safety program.
- Students who are 3rd-6th grade will attend a personal safety and home alone skills program called "I Want to be S.A.F.E.R".
- Parents will attend the "Awareness Plus" program to learn about the problem of missing children and how to keep kids safe.

JOIN US at 5:30 until 7 pm
runyelltell.com
missingchildrenmn.com

Looking ahead 2018:

- JAN 9- FAMILY NIGHT- MISSING CHILDREN MINNESOTA PRESENTATION
- JAN 11- PTO MEETING
- JAN 15- NO SCHOOL K-12
- JAN 18- NO COOK NIGHT AT McDONALD'S
- JAN 23- KENNEDY NIGHT AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
- JAN 26- NO SCHOOL K-12
- FEB 12- PTO MEETING
- FEB 13TH- NO COOK NIGHT AT LOOSE MOOSE
- FEB 15TH- FAMILY FIT NIGHT
 - OPEN GYM 5:30-7 PM
 - FAMILY ZUMBA 6-6:30 PM
- MARCH 12- PTO MEETING
- MARCH 19- NO COOK NIGHT AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS
- MARCH 20, 22, 26- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- APRIL 12- PTO MEETING
- APRIL 17- COLOR "FUND" RUN FUNDRAISER KICK-OFF
- APRIL 19- KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
- APRIL 20- ALL-SCHOOL DANCE
- APRIL 30- NO COOK NIGHT AT TAV ON THE AVE
- MAY 3- BOOK FAIR AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- MAY 10- PTO MEETING
- MAY 11- SCHOOL CARNIVAL
- MAY 17- COLOR "FUND" RUN EVENT
- JUNE 1- 5TH GRADE GRADUATION & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



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We are always looking for parent volunteers at PTO events. If you see an event you are interested in joining, please email us at:

kennedypto.isd77@gmail.com

The Spring season is BUSY for PTO events! If **everyone** signs up to volunteer with just **ONE** event, our team continues to grow and build momentum! As a team, we can do great things for our kids!!



Kennedy Elementary PTO

Follow the Kennedy Elementary PTO page on Facebook to stay updated on school events and PTO activities.

Kennedy NIGHT @ THE CHILDREN'S museum

Tuesday, January 23rd

The Museum will be closed to the public and only open for Kennedy Families! Come and enjoy the Children's Museum for FREE with other Kennedy CUBS! Bring the whole family!

